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arrangements to procure the maximum number of pumps immediately, to rush supply to the agriculturists in consultation with the Collector of high power pumpsets and oil engines at a nominal hire charge ranging from Rs. 5 to Rs. 9 per day. The distribution will be done in localised areas where the installation of such engines and pumpsets would provide most beneficial results. In order to provide Lift Irrigation facilities a crash programme for sinking filter point tube wells is already in full swing in Thanjavur district and more than 1,000 filter point tube wells have so far been sunk. There has been no delay in either testing or providing engines for filter point tube wells. As for the supply of electricity to the filter point tube wells both the Licensee Corporations operating in this area have been recently sanctioned loan of Rs. 23 lakhs by the Government and they are taking vigorous steps to energise maximum number of filter point tube wells. More than 900 open wells have also been sunk in the Cauvery Mettur Project ayacut and this will also help meet the difficulty. Thus all possible steps have been taken by Government to mitigate the hardships caused by an unprecedented seasonal failure and as a result both Kuruvai and Samba crops have been largely saved, and Thaladi, to a lesser extent, consistently with the available supplies.

The Honourable Member has also brought to the notice of the Government about the difficulties of agriculturists who are asked to take their produce by the procurement officials to the Godowns. Delivery at the Godowns is only optional. Under the latest orders of the Government procurement agents have been appointed and Marketing societies have been asked to procure. Payment are also being made for delivery at the godowns constructed at Mannargudi and Thanjavur. Producers, Millers and Co-operatives, who deliver paddy and rice at godowns are being paid at the respective stations after quick check and no difficulty has so far been experienced in the matter of delivery at the godowns.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

SUSPENSION OF RULE 41 (3).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

“That sub-rule (3) of Rule 41 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules in so far as it requires that not more than one matter shall be raised under Rule 41 at the same sitting be suspended.”

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

II.—CALLING ATTENTION—cont.

(2) HARDSHIPS OF AGRICULTURISTS OF SRIVILLIPUTHUR TALUK.

திரு. ரா. கிருஷ்ணசாமி நாயுடு : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இராமநாதபுரம் ஜில்லா, பழிலில்லிபுத்தூர் தாலுகாவில் மலையடிவாரத்திலுள்ள சுமார் 8 ரெவினயூ கிராமங்களைத் தவிர தாலுகா

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முழுவதும் மழையின்மையால் தீய்வு ஏற்பட்டிருப்பதும், இந்த நிலையில், சர்க்கார் நெல் கொள்முதல் நடவடிக்கைகளிலும், சர்க்கார் விவசாயக் கடன்கள், கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கக் கடன்கள், நிலவரி ஆகியவற்றை விவசாயிகள் கொடுக்க இயலாததால் இன்னல்களுக்குள்ளாக வேண்டியிருக்கிற நெருக்கடியான நிலை பற்றியும், வேலையில்லாததால் ஏழை மக்கள் பட்டம் கஷ்டம் பற்றியும் சர்க்கார் அதற்குப் பரிசாரம் காணும் வகையில் எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டிய அசைரா நடவடிக்கைகள் குறித்தும் ஆன அசைராப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தைச் சர்க்கார் கவனத்திற்கு நான் கொண்டு வருகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: Sir, I wish to make the following statement:—

It is said that the entire area of Srivilliputtur taluk except 8 villages near the Western-Ghats has dried up for want of rains and that the ryots are suffering due to (i) their inability to pay the Land Revenue dues Agricultural loans, Co-operative loans, (ii) the policy of procurement of food grains by Government and (iii) the unemployment problems.

In October 1965 there were appreciable rains on the whole in Srivilliputtur taluk which encouraged the ryot to raise paddy crop in the full extent of the ayacut of various tanks in this taluk. But subsequently the rains in November and December 1965 were not sufficient and the tanks which received supply due to rains in October 1965 were empty by the end of December 1965. Out of 150 tanks in the taluk only nine tanks in Watrap, Mathur and Khaneapuram villages have received adequate supply to raise a successful crop. In the rest of the taluk, paddy crops except those which are supplemented by wells, have withered or are withering. Even the crops protected by well irrigation have yielded only a poor outturn. The Collector and the District Revenue Officer have inspected many of the tanks in the area and their ayacut. The Tahsildar, Srivilliputtur and the Sub-Collector Sivakasi are doing intensive over-azmoish work. The following are the particulars of cultivation in this fasli (1375) in Srivilliputtur taluk.

Total ayacut (wet)	...	17,792.91 acres.
Mamool waste	...	143.73 acres.
Duffasal Crop	...	700.31 acres.
Current Waste	...	3,668.61 acres.
Extent cultivated	...	13,280.26 acres.
(Excluding duffasal crops.)		

The expected outturn is as follows:—

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12 Paise and below	2,711.18	} Excluding duffasal crops.
Above 12 paise and upto and inclusive of 25 paise	1,126.36	
Above 25 paise	9,432.72	

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This is only a rough estimate, as the harvest in a large area has not yet been completed, due to late cultivation. The position, as it stands now warrants only the grant of seasonal remission under Board's Standing Order 13. The Collector has issued instructions to the Sub-Collector, Sivakasi, to grant seasonal remission of full wet assessment in all cases where the lands have been left waste for want of water or where the crops have been lost and remission of wet minus dry rates in cases where the crops have been brought to maturity solely by well water or where dry crops have been raised in wet lands for want of sufficient water to raise a wet crop. No remission for dry lands has been proposed, as the dry crops have yielded fairly well.

The Land Revenue Collection commences only from the month of February in this district. There are no collectable land revenue arrears in Srivilliputtur taluk. So the revenue staff have not approached the ryots for land revenue collection so far. The approximate demand of land revenue for Srivilliputtur taluk for Fasli 1375 is Rs. 1,05,326. It is reported that an amount of Rs. 71, 526 (75 per cent of the total demand) will have to be remitted. The Collector has issued instructions to suspend the collection of the above amount.

In respect of collection of loan dues, the Collector has issued instructions to subordinates to see that no hardship is caused in deserving individual cases. The loan arrears in the Srivilliputtur taluk come to Rs. 51.168 only. The procurement of foodgrains is being done only in cases where surplus is available.

The Collector of Ramanathapuram has submitted proposals for taking up minor irrigation and road works at a cost of Rs. 1,64,450 in Srivilliputtur taluk with a view to provide employment facilities to the agricultural labourers the matter is under consideration of Government and orders will be issued soon.

IV.—STATEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER ON THE SITUATION AT VELLORE.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Chief Minister can now make a statement regarding the Vellore Incident, which was raised in the House yesterday.

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, வேலூரில் ஒரு கிளர்ச்சி இருப்பது பற்றி நேற்று பிரஸ்காபிக்கப் பட்டது. நான் தகவல் விசாரித்து இன்றைக்குத் தெரிவிக்கிறேன் என்று சொன்னேன். ஆனால், எனக்கு வந்த தகவலின்படி இது சம்பந்தப்பட்டவர்கள் லில்லா முன்சீப் கோர்ட்டில் வழக்கு தொடர்ந்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே, இதைப்பற்றி நான் ஒன்றும் கூறுவதற்கில்லை.